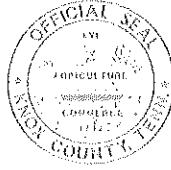


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PRESS RELEASE

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COMMISSIONERS LAUNCH NEW JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2023

The Knox County Commission is proud to announce the launch of a new Junior Commission youth civics education program.

Knox County Commissioners believe community engagement and civic education is vitally important to a healthy republic and functioning democracy. Last month, the Commission unanimously established an annual "Junior Commission" program whereby "Knox County youth can become a more engaged and informed citizen by participating in this unique youth leadership program." Junior Commission participants will learn the functions of their local government and further develop healthy citizenry habits, all while promoting the importance of community engagement and public service.

The Junior Commission program is open to high school juniors and seniors enrolled in a full-time, Knox County public, private, parochial, or accredited home school program. Each Knox County Commissioner will select one applicant to make-up the 11 annual Junior Commissioners.

Junior Commissioners will work alongside their mentor Commissioner and participate in unique programming over a three-month period that includes: orientation, work sessions, commission and zoning meetings, attendance at a community public event, and learning hands-on governing in a mock session of the Junior Commission.

The application period opens Thursday, December 1st and runs through Friday, December 23rd, 2022. Students will be notified of their selection the week of January 9, 2023. Students may apply for a Junior Commissioner position with their District Commissioner, or with one of the two At-Large Commissioners (who represent the entire County).

Additional information and the application portal can be found at: www.knoxcounty.org/juniorcommission. No applications will be accepted via phone, email or by mail.

For more information, contact the Commission office at 865-215-2534 or commission@knoxcounty.org

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